

## STATE OF VERMONT OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

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## Vermont State Auditor's Office wins award for "FY2010-2012 Strategic Plan and FY2009 Performance Report"

**MONTPELIER -** State Auditor Tom Salmon, CPA, received notice recently that the Association of Government Accountants awarded the office the Vermont State Auditor a Bronze Certificate of Achievement for its report entitled "FY2010-2012 Strategic Plan and FY2009 Performance Report."

AGA, based in Alexandria, VA, is an organization dedicated to serving government accountability professionals by providing quality education, fostering professional development and certification, and supporting standards and research to advance government accountability. The AGA's Service Efforts and Accomplishments Reporting program encourages organizations to improve their performance reporting and each year publicly recognizes outstanding reports in that area.

Since Salmon was elected state auditor in 2006, the primary focus of the office has changed to performance auditing and this award is testimony to the outstanding accomplishments of the dedicated and capable staff, he said.

"The office is proud of its efforts as a performance auditing workplace," Salmon said, "and will continue to strive toward higher achievements in performance reporting."

In a letter, Relmond Van Daniker, executive director of AGA, said the entries were judged based on the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) criteria for reporting performance criteria, which addresses every aspect of excellence in a performance report.

"Attainment of the Bronze Certificate represents an important accomplishment by a state or local government entity and its management," Van Daniker said. Given the high score of this report he said he expects the SAO's future achievements will be worthy of the next award level.